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Please deliver the attached APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW REQUEST FORM and the proposed amendment to Claim 1 to Examiner Kim.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Thatcher et al.

Attorney Docket No.: CLARP029/P2670

Application No.: 09/847,123

Examiner: KIM, JUNG W

Filed: May 1, 2001

Group: 2132

Title: NETWORK COPY PROTECTION FOR
DATABASE PROGRAMS

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Tentative Participants:

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- R. Mahboubian**
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- 3)

- 2)
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- 4)

Proposed Date of Interview: Per the Examiner

Proposed Time: PM (Eastern Time)

Type of Interview Requested:

☒ Telephone ☐ Personal ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit to be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, provide brief description:**ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED**

| Issues (Rej., Obj., etc.) | Claims/ Fig., #s | Prior Art | Discussed | Agreed | Not Agreed |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) 103 | Claim 1 as amended | Wobber et al. and Robert et al. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) 103 | Claims 10-20 | Wobber et al. and Robert et al. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) 112 | Claim 12 | None | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF AGRUMENTS TO BE PRESENTED:

The combination of *Wobber et al.* and *Robert et al.* does NOT teach or suggest: determining by a second database program whether another copy of a first database program is to be connected to the second database program

Contrary to the Examiner's assertion (Office Action, page 5, paragraph 9), it is respectfully submitted that reference No. 102-1 shown in Figure 4 of *Wobber et al.* does NOT teach this feature. It is noted that *Wobber et al.* states that a "requester can be a principal using any one of the computers in the distributed system," and "processes many layers removed from human direction, such as those in a transaction processing system, can also be principals" (*Wobber et al.*, Col. 4, 13-20). In addition, as noted by the Examiner in the Office Action (page 3, paragraph 8), *Wobber et al.* states that a request is authenticated using credentials. It is very respectfully submitted that authenticating a request does NOT teach or even remotely suggest determining whether another copy of a database program is connected.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that *Wobber et al.* cannot possibly teach or suggest: determining whether another copy of a first database program is connected to a second database program. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that *Wobber et al.* does NOT pertain to a database program that accesses a database. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that *Wobber et al.* cannot be combined with another reference to teach the invention recited in claim 1.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that *Robert et al.* does NOT teach determining whether another copy of a first database program is connected to a second database program. It is noted that *Robert et al.* states: "a license management facility maintains a license unit value for each license," and "determines whether the remaining license unit value exceeds the license usage allocation unit value associated with the use" (*Robert et al.* Col. 2, lines 8-20). However, it is respectfully submitted that the licensing management facility of *Robert et al.* does NOT teach determining whether another copy of a first database is connected to a second database program. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that neither *Wobber et al.* nor *Robert et al.*

teach or suggest: providing network copy protection for database programs that operate on different computing platforms.

As noted in the specification, conventionally, a name binding protocol is used to implement network copy protection for database programs. One problem with using specific name binding protocol is that multiple copies of the same database programs cannot be detected when used in different platforms and for different connection protocols. Furthermore, the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) does not have a suitable name binding protocol that is readily available to provide network copy protection for database programs (Specification, page 3). Accordingly, it is very respectfully submitted that providing a network copy protection solution that works for database programs across multiple platforms would NOT have been obvious even though communication between multiple platforms may have been possible.

Still further, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of *Wobber et al.* and *Robert et al.* does NOT teach or suggest several other claimed features. These features include: sending an installation code identifier with session information and using it to determine whether it is in a list of connected guests (claim 20). It is earnestly believed that this feature has not been addressed by the Examiner in the Office Action.

As another example, claim 10 recites: sending the request as session information. Contrary to the Examiner's assertion (Office Action, page 7, paragraph 16), *Robert et al.* does not teach this feature.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on

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